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SUBJECT: OVERFLIGHT VIOLATION/INDIAN PROTEST

REF: (A) NEW DELHI A-175, (B) STATE 253414

1. FAA ADVISED DEPT. THAT AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS CITED BY INDIAN AVIATION AUTHORITIES FOR A OVERFLIGHT VIOLATION (REFTEL A) WAS OF PORTUGUESE REGISTRY (TAILNUMBER CS-AGH) FLOWN BY US CITIZENS WITH PORTUGUESE PILOT LICENSES FOR AN AMERICAN SUBSIDIARY OF A MULTINATIONAL FIRM (GEOMETRIES, INC.) WHOSE HEADQUARTERS IS IN AUSTRALIA. HENCE, THE FORMAL PROTEST SHOULD HAVE GONE TO THE PORTUGUESE. NEVERTHELESS, IN AN EFFORT TO BE OF ASSISTANCE, THE FAA INTERVIEWED US-BASED OFFICIALS OF GEOMETRICS, INC. AND WAS FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO TALK TO THE PILOT WHO FLEW THE AIRCRAFT WHICH CAUSED THE PROTEST.

2. THE PILOT CONFIRMED THE OFF-COURSE NAVIGATION INCIDENT
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DID OCCUR. BY WAY OF EXPLANATION, HE INFORMED FAA:
(1) THE AIRCRAFT, A BRITTEN-NORMAN ISLANDER, WHICH WAS PURCHASED THE PREVIOUS DAY, HAD NOT BEEN EQUIPPED WITH A DOPPLER NAVIGATION SYSTEM; (2) A MONSOON CONDITION PREVAILED WITH A 40 KNO- WIND FROM THE SOUTHEAST; AND (3) POOR ELECTRONIC RECEPTION FROM THE KARACHI VOR (A GROUND

BASED NAVIGATIONAL AID) ALL CONTRIBUTED TO HIS UNINTENTIONAL NAVIGATIONAL ERROR.

3. TO PRECLUDE RECURRENCE AND TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION IN INDIAN AIRSPACE, THE PILOT ADVISED FAA THAT GEOMETRICS INC. HAS INSTALLED A DOPPLER NAVIGATION SYSTEM IN THE AIRCRAFT. FURTHER, IT IS ESTABLISHING AN AIRCREW BRIEFING PROGRAM WHICH WILL CONSIST OF DISCUSSIONS ON ATC PROCEDURES, RADIO AIDS TO AIR NAVIGATION, SEASONAL LOCAL AND AREA WEATHER BRIEFINGS, RADAR ASSISTANCE AND TERRAIN STUDIES TO INCLUDE MAP READING.

4. THE FAA ADVISED DEPT. THAT HAD IT POSSESSED AUTHORITY TO TAKE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES IN THIS INSTANCE, IT WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH GEOMETRICS, INC. ACTIONS TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THE GROSS NAVIGATIONAL ERROR WHICH RESULTED IN AN UNINTENTIONAL OVERFLIGHT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMB PROVIDE THE ABOVE TO GOI MEA. CHRISTOPHER

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